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**Salamonie Preschool offers 'S is for Snow' on Jan. 19**

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "S is for Snow" on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Come play in the snow and learn how it is made, Children ages 2 through 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. Note that details of this event may be subject to change based on the state's response to COVID-19.

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## Democratic Secretary of State candidate to visit Wabash

**Desteny Wells will be the Wabash County Democratic Party's guest speaker Jan. 27**

**By ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A Democratic candidate for Indiana Secretary of State will be visiting Wabash later this month. Desteny Wells will be the guest speaker at the Wabash

County Democratic Party's monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at Wings Etc., 1439 N. Cass St., in the events room, said chair Chad Harris. Harris said the meeting will be held both in-person and via Zoom for party



**WELLS**

The Indiana Democratic Party's state convention will be held on June 18. Wells said she plans to

immediately pressure Indiana's Republican legislature on "some of the country's most restrictive voting laws, like Indiana's 29-day voter registration deadline, and to advocate against the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' (BMV) practice of selling Hoosier's personal information to third parties." "As one of the first states to enact a voter ID

law that has strict government-issued photo ID requirements, many Hoosiers rely on providing a driver's license purchased through the BMV to exercise their right to vote," said Wells. Wells said she believes this is "leading to the commoditization of elections."

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## MU Administration Building remembrance ceremony is Jan. 21



Provided photo

The 1921 graduates pose in front of the then-newly building middle section.

**The building on College Avenue served generations of students**

**By ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University is honoring the legacy of its former Administration Building with a remembrance ceremony at noon Friday, Jan. 21. The service will be live-streamed on Manchester's

Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv](http://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv). The building on College Avenue served generations of Manchester students. The central portion was built in 1920, connecting the 1889 Bumgardner Hall at the east end with the 1895 Bible School building at the west

end. Classes there ended in 2012 when modern spaces became available. The remaining offices in the building closed in 2019 after bricks fell from a section of the façade and a major leak was discovered in the roof. The Manchester Chime bells were removed in August. The Board of Trustees voted in November to raze the building. "The decision to take down the building was emo-

tionally difficult and made with deep sadness," said President Dave McFadden. "In fact, the Board of Trustees wrestled with this decision – in some form or fashion – over the course of three decades." Razing the building was first seriously considered in the early 1990s, when Oakwood and Helman halls were built to replace two

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## Primaries heat up as filing continues

**Wabash County Councilmember Lorissa Sweet challenging Rep. Dan Leonard for his seat**

**By ROB BURGESS and BRETT STOVER**

The local races for the upcoming primary elections are heating up as the filing period continues. The filing period runs through noon Friday, Feb. 4. The primary election will be held May 3 and the general election will be held on Nov. 8. On Thursday, Jan. 6. Rep. Dan Leonard, R-Huntington, filed his paperwork and awaits a contested primary against challenger, and current Wabash County councilmember, Lorissa Sweet. Leonard pointed to his record when making the case for another term.

"We've been so fortunate over the last few years to get some pretty sizable projects up in Northeast Indiana, and in the 50th house district," Leonard said. "One I'm particularly proud of is the 900 Road project between 24 and 69, there in front of the General Motors plant. I was able to secure about \$30 million to get that project done." Additionally, Leonard cited helping the region receive grants from the REDI program for around \$50 million. "I'd like to think I'm being fairly effective," Leonard said. "I enjoy what I'm doing, and would like to continue for another two years. That's why I filed." He also responded to a re-

cent Facebook post made by Sweet, who plans to run for the seat he currently holds in the 50th District. In the post, Sweet wrote that "Citizens are tired of not being represented, and freedom-loving people are stepping up. Get educated on how your representative is voting. You would be surprised how 'liberal' these 'conservatives' vote." "You learn from being in politics that you don't get 100 percent of what you want all the time. There has to be some give and take. I like to think that I am extremely conservative; most of my friends think I am way on the conservative side," Leonard said. "But I also understand that when you want to accomplish something,

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## MSD preschool registration begins

**Children who will be either ages 3 or 4 by Aug. 1 are eligible to enroll**

**By ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For current students, the second semester of the school year has just begun. But, for parents of area preschool aged-children, it already means that it's already time to think about registration for the next school year. "Believe it or not, it is already time to begin enrollment for the 2022-2023 Little Norse and Little Knights

Preschool programs," said MSD director of communication and community engagement Laura Langebartels. Langebartels said children who will be either ages 3 or 4 by Aug. 1 are eligible to enroll "in these fantastic and affordable early childhood education programs." Langebartels said MSD's have been recognized by the state "for achieving the highest quality standards," as demonstrated by their Paths To Quality Level 3 rating. "Housed in elementary schools, Little Knights at Southwood Elementary and

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# U.S. plans \$50B wildfire fight where forests meet suburbia

By **MATTHEW BROWN**  
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Biden administration plans to significantly expand efforts to stave off catastrophic wildfires that have torched areas of the U.S. West by more aggressively thinning forests around areas called “hotspots” where nature and neighborhoods collide.

As climate change heats up and dries out the West, administration officials said they have crafted a \$50 billion plan to more than double the use of controlled fires and logging to reduce trees and other vegetation that serves as tinder in the most at-risk areas.

They said work will begin this year and the plan will focus on regions where out-of-control blazes have wiped out neighborhoods and sometimes entire communities — including California’s Sierra Nevada mountains, the east side of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, and portions of Arizona, Oregon and Washington state. Homes keep getting built in fire-prone areas, even as conditions that stoke blazes get worse.

“You’re going to have forest fires. The question is how catastrophic do those fires have to be,” Agriculture Sec. Tom Vilsack told the Associated Press in advance of a planned public announcement of the administration’s wildfire strategy at a Tuesday event in Phoenix.

“The time to act is now if we want to ultimately over time change the trajectory of these fires,” Vilsack said.

Specific projects weren’t immediately released, and it’s not clear who would pay for the full scope of work envisioned across almost 80,000 square miles — an area almost as large as Idaho. Much of that area is privately owned or controlled by states or tribes.

Reaching that goal would require an estimated \$20 billion over 10 years for work on national forests and \$30 billion for work on other federal, state, tribal and private lands, said Vilsack spokesperson Kate Waters.

Vilsack acknowledged that the new effort will also

require a “paradigm shift” within the U.S. Forest Service, from an agency devoted to stamping out fires, into one that uses what some Native Americans call “good fire” on forests and rangeland to prevent even larger blazes.

Forest Service planning documents indicate the work will focus on “hotspots” that make up only 10 percent of the fire-prone areas across the U.S. but account for 80 percent of risk to communities because of their population densities and locations.

The recently-passed federal infrastructure bill put a down payment on the initiative — \$3.2 billion over five years that Vilsack said will get work going quickly.

Wildfire expert John Abatzoglou said lessening fire dangers on the amount of land envisioned under the administration’s plan is a “lofty goal” that represents even more acreage than burned over the past 10 years across the West. But Abatzoglou, a University of California Merced engineering professor, said the focus on wildfire hazards closest to communities makes sense.

“Our scorecard for fire should be about lives saved rather than acres that didn’t burn,” he said.

Dealing with western wildfires is becoming increasingly urgent as they get more destructive and intense. There have been rare winter blazes in recent weeks, including infernos in Montana and Colorado, where a wildfire on Dec. 30 tore through a suburban area and destroyed more than 1,000 buildings, leaving one person dead and a second still missing.

And there’s no signs of a let-up in conditions that keep the risk of wildfires extremely high. A long-term “megadrought” is gripping the region and scientists forecast temperatures will keep rising as more climate-changing carbon emissions are pumped into the atmosphere.

The impact stretches far beyond the western U.S. because massive smoke plumes at the height of wildfire season in the U.S. and Canada spread the health effects across North Ameri-

ca — sending unhealthy pollution last summer to major cities from San Francisco to Philadelphia and Toronto.

For decades the primary approach to containing and extinguishing forest fires was to try to stamp them out. The efforts have been similar to massive, military-like campaigns, including planes, fleets of heavy equipment and thousands of firefighting personnel and support workers dispatched to the fire zones.

However, fires are a part of the natural cycle for most forests, so putting them out leaves stands of trees that don’t burn surrounded by dead wood, underbrush and other highly flammable fuels — a worst-case scenario when blazes ignite.

Critics have said U.S. agencies are too fixated on fighting fires and that trying to solve the problem by cutting more trees will only harm the forests. In South Dakota’s Black Hills, for example, government biologists have said that too many trees dying from a combination of insects, fire and logging have made current timber harvest levels unsustainable.

But Vilsack said a combination of tree thinning and intentionally set fires to clear undergrowth that are called prescribed burns will make the forests healthier in the long run while reducing the threat to public safety.

Forests thinned near Lake Tahoe and its tourism gateway community of South Lake Tahoe were credited with slowing the advance of the massive Caldor Fire last summer that destroyed almost 800 homes and prompted evacuations of tens of thousands of residents and tourists.

A similar phenomenon played out during Oregon’s Bootleg fire last July, which burned more than 600 square miles but did less damage in forest that was thinned over the past decade.

“We know this works,” Vilsack said. “It’s removing some of the timber, in a very scientific and thoughtful way, so that at the end of the day fires don’t continue to hop from tree top to tree top, but eventually come to ground where we can put them out.”

## CEREMONY

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outdated residence halls. In 2009, the trustees voted to replace the Administration Building with a smaller, more functional building as part of the Students First! campaign. Given evolving needs, however, it was decided that using a \$5.4 million gift from the late Herb Chinworth to build the Lockie and Augustus Chinworth Center would better serve students.

Security fencing now surrounds the empty Administration Building, and interior demolition work is already underway. After the build-

ing is gone, the area will be maintained as a green space featuring Manchester’s beloved fountain as its focal point, surrounded by benches and mature oak trees.

The Friday, Jan. 21 service is among several ways Manchester is commemorating the building.

It is collecting remembrances and photos of the building. Anyone who wishes to share a story or photo is invited to send them to [alumnioffice@manchester.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@manchester.edu) with the subject line: Administration Building Memories.

Submissions will be shared on the University’s website at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p6r8mmp>










Bricks will be set aside for

those who want a memento. If you want to pick one up, please email [alumnioffice@manchester.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@manchester.edu) to make sure we save enough. If you don’t live nearby, we can ship one to you at cost. Here is the form: <https://tinyurl.com/4ftw44ct>

It will also construct a new chime tower on the Manchester University Mall with elements honoring the historic significance of the Administration Building. There will be a formal dedication of the Manchester Chime to mark its 100th year at Homecoming 2022.

*Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

## 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Wednesday</b> Cloudy 40 / 17	 <b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 26 / 13	 <b>Friday</b> Sunny 25 / 14	 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 32 / 17	 <b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 29 / 16
<b>Sun and Moon</b> Today's sunset ..... 5:48 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:59 a.m.  Last 1/25  New 2/1  First 2/8  Full 2/16			<b>Detailed Local Outlook</b> Today we will see cloudy skies, high temperature of 39°, humidity of 73%. West northwest wind 9 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 17°. North wind 10 to 15 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 6°. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 26°, humidity of 52%.	

## WELLS

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“As a veteran who proudly served and defended the freedoms of our nation, I found last year’s attack on the Capitol deeply disturbing,” Wells said. “We must safeguard democracy on the home front — like free and fair elections. That is that is why I seek the privilege of becoming Indiana’s next Secretary of State.”

Wells has practiced law as Associate Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County, and Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana. Wells left active duty as adjunct faculty with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in December, and she continues to serve as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. From 2016 to 2017, Wells deployed to Afghanistan with the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command working with many of the linguists now resettled in the U.S. Wells only recently entered politics with an appointment as the Deputy Chair for Coalitions and Expansion for the Indiana Democratic Party. She’s a graduate of Hoosier Women Forward, a Democratic women’s leadership program, and is Defense Council with the formidable Truman National Security Project, a group

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**DESTENY WELLS**

that has seen membership from Hoosier democrats like Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Indiana Democratic Party Chair Mike Schmuhl.

Wells resides in downtown Indianapolis with her husband Oliver, also an Indiana Army National Guard Lieutenant Colonel, and their children Owen (stepson) and Harrison. Wells is originally from Martinsville and attended Indiana University and The University of Texas School of Law.

On the Republican side, Secretary of State Holli Sullivan filed to seek the Republican Party’s nomination for Secretary of State on Monday, Jan. 10.

The Indiana Republican State Convention will take place in Indianapolis on June 18.

Sullivan visited Wabash last month to meet with Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper.

Sullivan said she was running to “continue protecting the integrity of Indiana’s

elections.”

Sullivan is an automotive engineer, small business owner, wife and mother. Sullivan and her husband of 25 years, Chad, live and raise their three children — Dalton, Savannah and Sawyer — in Evansville. Before taking office as Secretary of State in March 2021, she served eight years as State Representative for northern Evansville and Newburgh. As the current Vice-Chair of the Indiana Republican Party, Sullivan “supports conservative causes and candidates across the state,” said Brian Gamache, of Sullivan’s campaign.

Sullivan said during her time in office, she has partnered with local officials to increase election safeguards with improved equipment.

Peterson said Sullivan’s time in the Indiana House of Representatives, she worked with the Secretary of State’s office “to pass legislation to protect Indiana’s elections, including authoring the bill that provided funding for critical local cybersecurity improvements in time for the 2020 elections.”

In March 2021, Sullivan was appointed to the Secretary of State position by Gov. Eric Holcomb. Sullivan replaced outgoing Secretary of State Connie Lawson.

On April 26, 2021, Sullivan announced her candidacy to seek election to a full term in office.

## DEATHS

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cases were identified as being Omicron.

“Omicron is very easily transmitted and infects and multiplies 70 times faster in the major airways of the lungs of an infected individual. So, people infected with Omicron have a lot more virus in their throats waiting to be expelled when they exhale or they cough or sneeze,” said state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box, during a televised press conference on Wednesday, Dec. 29. “This situation will get worse before it improves.”

Finding rapid COVID-19 tests continues to be an issue nationwide, but a program beginning this week may help somewhat relieve that burden soon.

Starting Wednesday, Jan. 19, residential households in the U.S. can order one set of four free at-home tests from the United States Postal Service (USPS) by visiting <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

There is a limit of one order per residential address. One order includes four

individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. The orders will ship free starting in late January.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the ISDH announced it had extended its COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway through Feb. 26 and has revised the hours of operation.

The clinic is being held in the INDYCAR parking lot at 4551 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, across from Gate 2. It offers the Pfizer pediatric and adult vaccines, as well as the Moderna vaccine. Both primary vaccines and booster doses are available.

“Due to a national shortage of rapid tests, individuals seeking testing at IMS should be prepared to receive a PCR test,” stated the ISDH.

If rapid tests are available, they will be available only to individuals age 18 and younger and symptomatic individuals age 50 and older.

Vaccinations and testing are being offered from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

“Appointments are strong-


ly recommended, but walk-ins will be accepted while capacity permits,” stated the ISDH.

Individuals who have already scheduled appointments for 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays will be notified about rescheduling.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to Hoosiers age 5 and older, and boosters are approved for eligible individuals age 12 and older. Hoosiers can make a vaccination appointment for the IMS site at [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov) by searching for ZIP code 46222. Individuals under age 18 can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. Parents seeking pediatric doses for children ages 5 to 11 should verify that birthdates are entered correctly when registering to ensure that a Pfizer pediatric dose is available.

To pre-register for a COVID-19 test at the site, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the testing link at the top of the page, then search for the 46222 ZIP code.

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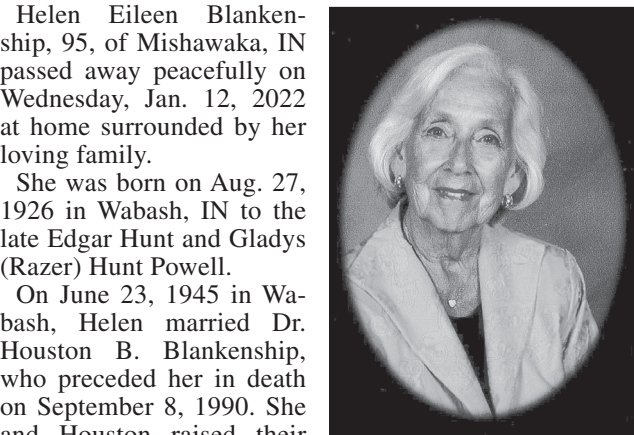




# Obituaries

## Helen Eileen Blankenship

Aug. 27, 1926 – Jan. 12, 2022



Helen Eileen Blankenship, 95, of Mishawaka, IN passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1926 in Wabash, IN to the late Edgar Hunt and Gladys (Razer) Hunt Powell.

On June 23, 1945 in Wabash, Helen married Dr. Houston B. Blankenship, who preceded her in death on September 8, 1990. She and Houston raised their children in Monticello, IN where Dr. Blankenship practiced as a chiropractor.

Upon his retirement and the arrival of their grandchildren, Helen and Houston moved to be near their family. They loved ballroom dancing, both at the country club and at parties hosted in their home. Helen maintained an active social life and was an avid and competitive bridge player.

Helen was a strong and determined woman with a quick wit whose unwavering faith in Jesus Christ helped her to endure years of chronic pain. Helen fully accepted God’s will for her life. In her final days she talked about her lifetime of prayers with Jesus. She enjoyed her daily devotionals, listening to old hymns and reading the Bible. She loved her family more than anything. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the lights of her life. She shared countless times how blessed she felt for her life, and about the peace she had found knowing she would soon meet Jesus and be reunited



with loved ones.

Helen loved and cared for her dear pets. Her dog, Paulyanna, was a constant companion for the last thirteen years until she passed away in December.

Helen is survived by her son, Dr. Steven Blankenship (Dr. Victoria Sisco) of Grand Junction, MI, her daughter, Susan (Bruce) Bennett of Granger, IN; three grandchildren, Sara (David) Brodzinski of Granger, IN, Dr. Rebecca (Andrew) Katovsich of Cassopolis, MI, and Joshua (Victoria) Bennett of Granger, IN; three great-grandchildren, Tyler Brodzinski, Fiona Brodzinski and Elliot Bennett; and nieces, Llori Halderman VerMaas of Wabash, IN, and Roxanne Halderman Meeks of Owens Cross Roads, AL.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar Hunt and Gladys (Razer) Hunt Powell; her husband, Houston Blankenship; and her sister, Ann Halderman.

Private services for the family will be held. Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion, IN.

## Anna V. Correll

March 1, 1953 – Jan. 15, 2022



Anna V. Correll, 68, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:29 pm, Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at her home. She was born on March 1, 1953, in Lackey, Kentucky, to Dennis and Hazel (Wicker) Conley.

Anna married Dennis “Denny” Correll in Wabash on Sept. 7, 1973; he died June 3, 2020. She worked at Wal-Mart several years. Anna was a member of the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Wabash. She enjoyed crocheting, gardening, flowers, bowling, and loved animals and hummingbirds. She also enjoyed cooking and feeding others, and especially loved her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by two children, Jeffery (Regina) Correll of Marion, Indiana, and Carrissa (Jason) Bruce of Huntington, Indiana, seven grandchildren, Justin Correll of Peru, Indiana, Kody Brock of Marion, Austyn Brock of Summitville, Indiana, Madison Lester of Virginia Beach,

Virginia, Morrigan Wolf of Kirkland, Washington, Sydney Lester of Wabash, and Ethan Bruce of Huntington, great-grandson, Kirin Gilbert, and her brother, Ralph Conley of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, grandson Tanner Correll, two brothers, Paul Conley and Bill Conley, and her sister, Sally Begley.

Memorial services will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive, Wabash, with Rev. Terry Hinds officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Saturday at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Youth Camp and Christian School.

The memorial guest book for Anna may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Larry G. Weitzel

Larry G. Weitzel passed away on Jan. 14, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 24, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery

in North Manchester, Indiana. Visitation for family and friends will be from 9-11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Frank L. Johnson Sr.

Jan. 31, 1938 – Jan. 13, 2022

Frank L. Johnson Sr, of Wabash, passed away on Thursday Jan. 13, 2022.

Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. Jan. 18, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231

Falls Ave. Wabash, Indiana 46992. McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, 46992, have been trusted with Frank Johnson’s final arrangements

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# For Oath Keepers and founder, Jan. 6 was weeks in the making

By COLLEEN LONG  
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Two days after the election on Nov. 3, 2020, the Oath Keepers were already convinced that victory had been stolen from President Donald Trump and members of the far-right militia group were making plans to march on the U.S. Capitol.

“We aren’t getting through this without a civil war,” the group’s leader, Stewart Rhodes, wrote fellow members, according to court documents. “Too late for that. Prepare your mind. body. spirit.”

Four days later, when The Associated Press and other news outlets declared Democrat Joe Biden the winner, the documents say Rhodes told Oath Keepers to “refuse to accept it and march en-masse on the nation’s Capitol.”

The indictment last week of Rhodes, the leader of the Oath Keepers, and 10 other members or associates was stunning in part because federal prosecutors, after a year of investigating the insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021, charged them with seditious conspiracy, a rarely-used Civil War-era statute reserved for only the most serious of political criminals.

But the documents also show how quickly Trump’s most fervent and dangerous supporters mobilized to subvert the election results through force and violence, even though there was no widespread election fraud and Trump’s Cabinet and local election officials said the vote had been free and fair.

Hundreds of people have been charged in the violent effort to stop the congressional certification of Biden’s victory. Many were animated by Trump’s speech at a rally near the White House, just before the riot, where he said: “We fight like hell. And if you don’t fight like hell, you’re not going to have a country anymore.”

But for Rhodes and others, there was no need for Trump’s words of encouragement. Action was already planned.

Elmer Stewart Rhodes III,

56, founded the Oath Keepers in 2009. He and some friends decided they would form an organization around the perception of “imminent tyranny,” concerned about federal overreach and a series of unrecognized threats, like the government was planning to attack its own citizens. He recruited current and former military, police and first responders.

Rhodes, out of high school, joined the Army and became a paratrooper, but was honorably discharged after he was injured during a night parachuting accident, according to a biography on the Southern Poverty Law Center’s website on extremism.

He went to night school at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. His first job in politics was supervising interns for Ron Paul, who was then a Republican congressman from Texas. Rhodes later went to Yale Law School, graduating in 2004 and clerking for Arizona Supreme Court Justice Michael Ryan.

Rhodes moved to Montana and relocated his defense practice there but took a “hard right turn away from politics” the SPLC said, and launched the Oath Keepers.

He has said there were about 40,000 Oath Keepers at its peak; one extremism expert estimates the group’s membership stands at about 3,000 nationally. Before long, Rhodes was neglecting his law practice to work on the Oath Keepers. He was disbarred in 2015.

Members pledge to “fulfill the oath all military and police take to ‘defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic,’” and to defend the Constitution, according to its website.

Their motto: “Not on our watch!”

The Oath Keepers engaged in a series of confrontations with the government during years of Barack Obama’s presidency. The most notable was an armed standoff against the federal government at Bundy Ranch in Bunkerville, Nevada.

Then Trump was elected in 2016. While Rhodes insisted the Oath Keepers were nonpartisan, they came to

the nation’s capital in January 2017, when Trump took office, to protect peaceful “American patriots” from “radical leftists.”

“During this time, Rhodes became increasingly conspiratorial, adopting and peddling a number of fringe right-wing conspiracy theories with the assistance of his friend Alex Jones,” according to the book “Oath Keepers: Patriotism and the Edge of Violence in a Right-Wing Antigovernment Group,” by University at Albany assistant professor Sam Jackson. Jones is a conspiracy theorist and Infowars host.

When it looked like Trump was going to lose the 2020 presidential election to Biden, the Oath Keepers got to work, prosecutors said.

On Nov. 9, 2020, Rhodes instructed his followers during a GoToMeeting call to go to Washington to let Trump know “that the people are behind him,” and he expressed hope that Trump would call up the militia to help stay in power, authorities say.

“It will be a bloody and desperate fight,” Rhodes warned. “We are going to have a fight. That can’t be avoided.”

The Oath Keepers worked as if they were going to war, discussing weapons and training. Days before the attack on the Capitol, one defendant suggested in a text message getting a boat to ferry weapons across the Potomac River to their “waiting arms,” prosecutors say.

On Dec. 14, 2020, as the electors in the states cast their votes, Rhodes published a letter on the Oath Keepers’ website “advocating for the use of force to stop the lawful transfer of presidential power,” according to the documents.

As that transition in Washington drew close, Oath Keepers spoke of an arsenal they would keep just a few minutes away and grab if needed. Rhodes is accused of spending \$15,500 on firearms and related equipment including a shotgun, AR-15, mounts, triggers, scopes and magazines, prosecutors said.

Others came prepared, too.

“Everyone coming has their own technical equipment and knows how to use it,” wrote Edward Vallejo, who also was charged in the conspiracy.

Oath Keepers staged the guns in hotels just outside of the District of Columbia. Rhodes said they were “QRFs” – military-speak for quick reaction force, according to court papers.

On the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, Vallejo and others were on a podcast discussing the possibility of armed conflict. Members turned up wearing camouflaged combat attire and in helmets. They entered the Capitol with the large crowds of rioters who stormed past police barriers and smashed windows, injuring dozens of officers and sending lawmakers running.

The indictment against Rhodes alleges Oath Keepers formed two teams, or “stacks,” a military term. The first stack split up inside the building to separately go after the House and Senate. The second stack confronted officers inside the Capitol Rotunda, the indictment said.

Other Trump supporters were getting in the fray, too.

The building was breached. The congressional certification had stopped. Rumors circulated that the left-wing antifia had breached the seat of American democracy. “Nope. I’m right here, these are Patriots,” Rhodes wrote to his leadership group in a secure chat.

“All I see Trump doing is complaining,” Rhodes wrote, according to prosecutors. “I see no attempt by him to do anything. So the patriots are taking it in their own hands. They’ve had enough.”

One of the stacks hunted for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., but could not find her. Members of Congress were cowering in fear and Pelosi had been sent to a secure location. The siege continued for hours, until law enforcement finally gained control.

“We are acting like the founding fathers” one wrote in the throes of the melee. “Can’t stand down.”

An Oath Keeper was the

# Lawmakers consider easing of nursing school rules

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A proposed loosening of Indiana’s regulations on nursing education programs is advancing in the Legislature, with supporters saying the step is needed to help address a statewide nursing shortage.

Hospital officials and health care organizations supporting the proposal have told legislators that thousands of nursing jobs are open across the state in a shortage exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic as some nurses have quit or taken part-time jobs, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

The Indiana House could vote in the coming days on approving the bill that would nursing schools to increase enrollment and hire more part-time instructors. A committee voted unanimously last week to endorse the proposal.

Community Health Network, with a staff of 5,000 nurses and hospitals in Indianapolis, Anderson and Kokomo, is trying to fill about 600 nursing positions, said Jean Putnam, the system’s chief nursing officer. She said hospitals and nursing homes across the state have some 4,000 nursing jobs open.

“I have never seen this type of vacancy rate in my career,” Putnam told the legislative committee.

The bill would allow nursing programs that have been operating for five years or longer and have an 80 percent or higher rate of students passing the state licensing exam to increase enrollment at any rate they deem appropriate, rather

than current limit of 25 percent a year.

The bill would also allow nurses with a bachelor’s degree to teach associate-level nursing courses if they are enrolled and making progress in a master’s degree program. Other provisions would allow more than half of nursing program instructors to be part-time and permit schools to conduct more of a student’s clinical training time with simulations using mannikins and role-playing.

Indiana will need an additional 5,000 nurses by 2031, and needs to increase the number of nursing students graduating each year by 1,350, said Republican Rep. Ethan Manning of Denver, the bill’s sponsor.

Ivy Tech Community College, which graduates about 1,300 nurses a year, said it had to turn down 300 qualified students last year because it didn’t have enough spots open. The bill would let Ivy Tech increase nursing spots by 600 a year by allowing it to hire more adjunct faculty, said Mary Jane Michalak, the college’s vice president of public affairs.

Norma Hall, the nursing school dean at the University of Indianapolis, said she opposed provisions in the bill allowing schools to provide up to half of clinical training through simulation, rather than on real patients.

“This violates our national accreditation standard, which allows for simulation to be used as a supplement to, but not a replacement for, actual contact hours with patients,” she said.



# Local students named to honor rolls

## SHARP CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLLS

STAFF REPORT

Sharp Creek Elementary School has issued its second quarter honor rolls, according to a press release.

A Honor Roll

■ Fourth grade: Cora Barnard, Andrew Biehl, Lydia Dubois, Maguire Dyson, Makynlea Elzy, Charlotte Harrington,

Elaina Harrington, Dylan Miller, Jorie Nealis, Colton Rice, Weston Rice, Aiden Stanfield and Cheyanne Wells.  
■ Fifth grade: Dallas Cruz, Avery Custer, Jayla Gill, Gemma Hauptert, Tenley Kuhn, Alexis Laferney, Max Leffel, Miranda Meyer, Patrick Nesler, Keira Oswalt, Vivian Rife, Chase Ross, Bode Sorg and

Emerson Zwiebel.  
■ Sixth grade: Teagan Baer, Collin Biehl, Justin Brunett, Ali Copeland, Montgomrie Dawes, Brayden Gidley, Nathaniel Hodson, Madelyn Holley, Cody Holmes, Gavin Lester, Emily Miller, Preston Moore, Kaleigh Rice, Makaela Shoue, Breslyn Swihart, Calvin Thompson and Naomi Watson.

A/B Honor Roll

■ Fourth grade: Gwendolyn Abell, Landon Barlow, Eona Black, Haylee Bucher, Ryleigh Drudge, Bristol Foust, Coen Grant, Hudson Hauptert, Adalynn Hawken, Miranda Heister, Zaidyn Jones, Liam King, Ethan Krom, Ryker McKillip, Josslyn Merrell, Peyton Rife, Elijah Roark, Jayda Rogers, Wyatt Selleck, Jaymes Slone

and Hattie Weaver.  
■ Fifth grade: Landon Archer, Ryleigh Bolton, Cassidy Cartwright, Wyatt Clark, Asa Dawes, Emelia Dixon, Reece Fitch, Logan Holmes, Toriah Leonard, Jonathan Lowery, Dadrian Lyons, Brody Schnurpel, Cayden Shepherd, Braylee Stout, Jaylynn Turner and Brielle Wells.  
■ Sixth grade: Kyra Ader-

man, Briggs Baker, Haylee Boring, Karsen Brown, Megan Easterday, Jailea Emley, Kasen Fitch, Kasen Frank, Jazmine Gill, Cooper Good, Luke Hemingway, James Kowalczyk, Kale Krom, Joshua Lara-Menchaca, Kaydence Moser, Brice Peterson, Kolten Prus, Breckin Sanders, Izzabellah Schnurpel, Ean Selleck, Kyndall Shear and Stella Stephens.

STAFF REPORT

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School recently announced its honor roll lists for the second quarter of the 2021-2022 school year, according to a press release.

'All A' Honor Roll

■ Seventh grade: Ross Andrews, Josiah Chellis, Adilyn Deaton, Avery Henderson, Presley Kroft, Gracie Mosley, Olivia Ranck, Shania Rhamy, Bailee Strickler, Reagan Striker and Kierstyn Wyatt.  
■ Eighth grade: Ains-

ley Chellis, Hailey Collins, Cooper Drake, Owen Enyeart, Malia Mahan and Ivan Ranck.  
■ Ninth grade: Luke Andrews, Quinn Clausen, Jaiya Corn, Grace Drake, Courtney Finney, Ava Freeman, Hannah Garrison, Zoey Gaylourd, Rowan Goodpasture, Luke Herring, Gabriel Mealy, Keaton Metzger, Makenna Snow, Duke Sparks, Lucy Vandermark and Ian Vanderpool.  
■ 10th grade: Emma Adams, Randall Boone, Carrie Collins, Derek Deeter, Abigail Guyer, Libee Price,

Bryce Rigney, Shyanne Stout and Carley Whitesel.  
■ 11th grade: Elise Adams, Bryn Mealy, Sara Perez Sanchez, Katelyn Ranck, Aleia Sweet and Dakota Wilson.  
■ 12th grade: Joseph Bland, Maddison Hunter, Beau Kendall, Haley Lanning and Kloe Teulker.

'A/B' Honor Roll

■ Seventh grade: Ashton Dague, Logan Davis, Cameron Drown, Brooke Farr, Kara Freeman, Caden Guthrie, Makenna Hunter, Elexis Kelley, Justyne Kirkpatrick, Griffin Liddick, Alexa

Lloyd, Makaylee Moore, Hali Pershing, Hunter Rasmussen, Jalayna Robberts, Aiden Selig, Colten Swan, Shelby Thomas, Nika Tyson, James Unger, Lola Winer and Andrew Wright.  
■ Eighth grade: Sylvia Bakehorn, Colleen Boardman, Griffin Chambers, Mylah Dillon, Brody Height, Danika Holbrook, Coan Holloway, Emily Lochard, Jalynn Lyons, Victor Mondragon, Logan Moore, Autumn Rasmussen, Wyatt Smith, Olivia Snow, Brandtson Sturgill, Sophia Temple and Lilah Vandermark.

■ Ninth grade: Audrey Ball, Elijah Boone, Taylor Cavins, Cherish Dillon, Averi Haecker, Mason Hipskind, Daedric Kaehr, Isabella Knote, Mckenzie Moorman, Meryn Norman, Morgan Powell, Logan Robberts, Carson Smith, Lydia Topliff, Ryley Wilcox and Audri Winer.  
■ 10th grade: Macy Barney, Ashley Benavidez-Arellano, Hayden Berry, Liliauna Combs, Madis-Anne Culver, Jaret Denney, Owen Dunnivant, Allie Haecker, Jordan Hart, Logan Hiner, Hayden Jones, Ethan Lochard, Pay-

ton Noland, Luke Pershing, Micah Smith, Noah Veals, Will Winer and Caleb Wyatt.  
■ 11th grade: Ella Hauptert, Zebadiah Herring, Allianah Lopez, Aliisa Pinta, Dylan Stout and Alaina Winer.  
■ 12th grade: Skylar Amos, Rylee Barney, Jarrett Craft, Mya Denney, Madison Hipskind, Makenlie Lambert, Stephen Madaris, Marissa Metzger, Jared Richards, Trista Roser, Adam Seacott, Brayden Smith, Ashton Steele, Amelia Sweet, Tyler Whitesel and Bailey Wyatt.

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Middle School (WMS) has announced its honor roll for the first semester, according to a press release.

Fifth Grade High Honor Roll

Brooklyn Arrowood, Josie Bakehorn, Tayelin Bechtold, Kasey Black, Mason Braun, Jenna Burton, Ezekiel Byers, Callan Cantrell, Emma Cantrell, Tinsley Crace, Eliza Denney, Samuel Eppley, Tristan Gardner, Mya Gollither, Aubrey Hanes, Harper Hanes, RJ Harris, Evelyn Hipskind, Lucas Kaufman, Lillian Kelley, Brynn Lindsay, Victoria Lopez, Liam Losher,

Fifth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Emmie Baker, McKindley Baker, Ayla Barber, Christopher Belli-Malaga, Devvin Cornett, Elijah Dafeo, Treyce Daughtry, Lillian Esslinger, Keaton Fairchild, Hope Fritter, Cadence Gatchel, Kyd-nal Harris-Lemaster, Gracie Hicks, Camdyn Hinkle, Landan Johnson, Jaslynn Judy, Alexis Keirsey, Sydney Kellogg, Maddilynn Livingston, Kendylan Lochner, Kalib Mabery, Sarah Marcum, Em-

ily McCoart, Zach Miller, Avianna Osborne, Jaylynn Parks, Kira Parrett, Carter Pegg, Karter Prater, Sofia Pries, Jester Purvis, Alyssa Rose, Ian Rowe, Landon Schuler, Charlotte Selleck, Amber Shaffer, Beckett Shaw, Andrew Shepherd, Kira Smith, Micah Spring and Noah White.

Sixth Grade High Honor Roll

Carson Amburgery, Kaitlyn Brewer, Quinnlynn Campbell, Kaylence Cole, Alaura Cressell, Noah Glenn, Gabriel LePage, Michael LePage, Ava Lynn, Jabin Miles, Ellie Priffitt, Taylin Shepherd, Alyssa Sheridan, Martha Steller, Grace Teague, Caleb Thompson

and Zoe Vail.

Sixth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Tannis Barber, Christian Bean, Gracie Bearman, Tip Bolen, Shawn Combs, Colver Eaton, Ian Edmond, Piper Ellet, Riley Flack, Ella Harrell, Adrian Haughn, Carly Hayslett, Colyn Heitz, Carlee Honeycutt, Alexis Indrutz, Brycen Kelly, Mackenzie Lawson, Annelesisa Lujan, Aiden Mahan, Madalyn Mertz, Harrison Mills, Kamden Oswalt, Jack Payton, Rayanna Plotner, Gabbriellah Rojas, Cooper Sapusek, Noah Sarll, Pasyn Schuler, Emma Selleck, Lila Selleck, Sherridan, Martha Steller, Grace Teague, Caleb Thompson

vens, Lily Stevens, Beatrix Thomas, Quenten Titus, Olivia Wilkin and Addison Wischman.

Seventh Grade High Honor Roll

Clayton Shepler.

Seventh Grade Regular Honor Roll

Makenna Bechtold, Lucas Coffman, Chloe Cooper, Mia Fairchild, Halyee Figgert, Violet George, Grace Harrington, John Harris, Kordyn Harris, Shailynn Harrison, Rinka Higuera, Benjamin Hipskind, Brianna Martin, Jarrett McWhirt, Lilean Meadows, Paige Miller, Philip Palmer, Colin Patton, Viven Ploughe, Oliver Sa-

pusek, Mallory Tart, Averie Turner and Harley Zumbrun.

Eighth Grade High Honor Roll

Ava Bishir, Kalli Davis, Kendall France, Haylee Friend, Maya Howard, Jaycee Jones, Victoria Koselke, Cooper Long, Alison McCoart, Danielle Sarll, Andrea Stout and Logan Wright.

Eighth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Karlee Bearman, Caidan Burchett, Drew Guenin-Hodson, Matthew Hipskind, Raegan Jones, Laney Maple, Elias Mattern, Evelyn Myers, Derek Reed, Brett Shull and Emilie Westendorf.

## WABASH MIDDLE SCHOOL SECOND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Middle School (WMS) has announced its honor roll for the second nine weeks, according to a press release.

Fifth Grade High Honor Roll

Brooklyn Arrowood, Josie Bakehorn, Tayelin Bechtold, Kasey Black, Mason Braun, Jenna Burton, Ezekiel Byers, Callan Cantrell, Emma Cantrell, Tinsley Crace, Eliza Denney, Samuel Eppley, Mya Gollither, Aubrey Hanes, Harper Hanes, RJ Harris, Lucas Kaufman, Lillian Kelley, Brynn Lindsay, Maddi-

Fifth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Emmie Baker, McKinley Baker, Christopher Belli-Malaga, Ember Christle, Devvin Cornett, Elijah Dafeo, Treyce Daughtry, Lillian Esslinger, Landen Fisher, Hope Fritter, Tristan Gardner, Cadence Gatchel, Christina Gilm, Ian Gray,

Kyndal Harris-Lemaster, Gracie Hicks, Evelyn Hipskind, Landan Johnson, Jaslynn Judy, Alexis Keirsey, Sarah Marcum, Emily McCoart, Chase Miller, Zach Miller, Ava Moorman, Jaylynn Parks, Karter Prater, Jester Purvis, Alyssa Rose, Ian Rowe, Landon Schuler, Amber Shaffer, Beckett Shaw, Andrew Shepherd, Kira Smith, Micah Spring, Zandra Thompson and Noah White.

Sixth Grade High Honor Roll

Kaitlyn Brewer, Noah Glenn, Alyssa Sheridan and Grace Teague.

Sixth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Carson Amburgery, Tannis Barber, Tip Bolen, Quinnlynn Campbell, Kaylence Cole, Alaura Cressell, Ian Edmond, Piper Ellet, Riley Flack, Ella Harrell, Carly Haylsett, Colyn Heitz, Carley Honeycutt, Alexis Indrutz, Makenzie Krieger, Jaidynn Lawson, Gabriel LePage, Michael LePage, Anneleisa Lujan, Ava Lynn, Aiden Mahan, Madalyn Mertz, Jabin Miles, Harrison Mills, Kamden Oswalt, Ellie Profitt, Cooper Sapusek, Noah Sarll, Pasyn Schuler, Emma Selleck, Lila Selleck, Taylin Shepherd, Caitlyn Shidler, Kyrsten Simmons, Mackey

Sorg, Martha Steller, Lily Stevens, Caleb Thompson, Zoe Vail, Olivia Wilkin and Addison Whichman.

Seventh Grade High Honor Roll

Quentin Mitchell.

Seventh Grade Regular Honor Roll

Makenna Bechtold, Lucas Coffman, Chloe Cooper, Mia Fairchild, Sophia France, Violet George, Kordyn Harris, Rinka Higuera, Benjamin Hipskind, Syler Keirsey, Haiden McWhirt, Jarrett McWhirt, Paige Miller, Clayton Shepler and Harley Zumbrun.

Eighth Grade High Honor Roll

Ava Bishir, Kendall France, Haylee Friend, Maya Howard, Jaycee Jones, Victoria Koselke, Cooper Long, Allison McCoart, Sanielle Sarll, Brett Shull, Andrea Stout and Logan Wright.

Eighth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Karlee Bearman, Caidan Burchett, Kalli Davis, Drew Guenin-Hodson, Matthew Hipskind, Kaylee Indrutz, Raegan Jones, Laney Maple, Eveylyn Myers, Derek Reed and Emilie Westendorf.

## FILING

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sometimes you have to make some compromises. There is a particular faction of people that refuse to compromise. In the General Assembly, you see those people day in and day out getting absolutely nothing done. I think it is necessary to be able to sit down and talk with people, reason with people and work to get the best solution you can. It's not always 100 percent of what you want, but if you can get 80 percent of what you want, it's a lot better than getting nothing." On Tuesday, Jan. 18, Sweet said the Facebook post in question was from, "Inside Sources," discussing the "uprising of patriots throughout the state of Indiana, who are fed up with complacent incumbents." "These patriots are filing to run for office, in order to challenge them. They are tired of not being represented," said Sweet. "The article included an interview with myself, where I stated, 'Dan Leonard has had the opportunity to hear bills in his committee and he has killed them every single time. For me, that is a big deal.' I was

referring to the multiple bills sent to his committee, which would have ended the state of emergency, limited the governor's powers, and put the power back into the hands of the legislature, where it belongs. The governor's "emergency" has now been renewed 22 times. Leonard is currently the gatekeeper to hear these bills in his committee and on the floor, and he is refusing. Leonard stated in response that he is willing to compromise on this. He is willing to take less for our district. I personally think the voters are tired of compromise, and he has lost touch with the families living here." Sweet said she would not "compromise your freedoms." "Eighty percent is not enough for me," said Sweet. "I want more for us, and I intend to tell Indianapolis exactly what we want. I won't compromise your kids, your health freedom, your school choice, your constitutional rights, and your individual liberties, like Leonard is doing. I want more for you." Sweet said it was "great" that Leonard continues to tout that he has brought so much money to northeast Indiana, "but what did he do

for the small business owners that were shut down, because they were considered non-essential?" "What has he done for the children, who are still being masked in schools? What did he do for employees, who were being forced to take the jab, in order to keep their jobs? What is he doing to fight for freedom and the Constitution? I believe these are the things the voters truly care about because that's what they are telling me," said Sweet. "They are concerned about their loss of freedoms and 80 percent is not enough for them. Compromise is what has gotten us here. When it comes to freedom, there's no room for compromise. That's why I'm running for District 50." In response, Leonard this was "typical lingo" and he "knew it was coming." "We accept federal funding based on having the state under a state of health emergency that's declared by the governor. If we – for example, the bill that came to my committee – if we did away with the state of health emergency, we would put 500,000 Hoosiers out of Medicaid. We would put 250,000 Hoosiers out of HIP 2.0 health insurance. We

would reduce the income we get from the federal government by \$400 million and do away with \$44 million in Medicaid subsidies. Now, if that's being unresponsive to the people in Indiana, I'm sorry – I think that there are things that we have to consider when we talk about a health emergency. If we did away with the health emergency, what's going to change your life? I don't like it, but at the same time if we did away with the health emergency tomorrow, your life wouldn't change other than we would lose all of the federal help that we're getting in Indiana." Leonard said he's currently working on passing a bill in the Indiana General Assembly that allows the state to continue to receive the funds without the state of emergency, allowing the governor to end it. "I think it's a much more responsible way to proceed than send a bill to the rules committee and pass it and do away with everything we get from the federal government. I don't know that she has any concept of that. I've served on the Ways and Means Committee for 16 years, and that's where my forte is. I understand how

the money flows to the state of Indiana," said Leonard. Leonard cited the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, the canceling of the unemployment waiting period, putting hundreds of millions of dollars of federal money into the unemployment system "There were funds flowing all over. I don't know how you could say that's not responsive," said Leonard. "I can tell you that I held a seven-and-a-half hour hearing on a preliminary draft and then sat through a seven-and-a-half hour hearing in the Labor Committee. If you look ... in the House calendar, you will see House Bill 1001 – it's the number one priority bill for the House of Representatives – that deals with vaccine mandates. How is that being unresponsive? ... There are so many things going on. You can pick at one issue all you want, but I think I can justify everything that we've done here because I work on it all the time." On a local level, as of 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, Republican Lori Draper had filed for re-election as clerk; Republican Eric Rish had filed for re-election as recorder; Republican Ryan

Baker filed for re-election as sheriff; Republican Kelly Schenkel had filed re-election as assessor; Republican Jeff Dawes has filed for re-election for Wabash County Commissioner District 1; Republican Matthew Mize has filed for re-election for Wabash County Council District 1; Republican Barbara Pearson had filed for re-election for Wabash County Council District 2; Republican Sam Hann has filed for Wabash County District 3; Republican Kyle Bowman has filed for re-election for Wabash County Council District 4; Republican Andrew Delong had filed for Lagro Township Trustee; Republican Ashley Cordes has filed for Paw Paw Township Trustee; and Republican Gary Hunter Sr. has filed for Lagro Township Board Member. Also, according to the Indiana Secretary of State's office Republican Wabash Circuit Court Judge Robert R. McCallen, III had filed for re-election. Brett Stover, *Huntington Herald-Press* editor, may be reached by email at [bstover@h-pnline.com](mailto:bstover@h-pnline.com). Rob Burgess, *Wabash Plain Dealer* editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com).



# Fiance’s lady friends pose big problem for his intended

**DEAR ABBY:** My fiance, “Peter,” has a number of female friends I’m not comfortable with, primarily because they are women he “had” interest in before we started dating. He says he has told them he’s taken now and they can’t be more than friends, but I don’t think they got the message. He recently told me one of them told him a guy had proposed to her but she’s delaying accepting in case Peter becomes available. This is the second time something like this has happened.

I believe it’s because of the way he relates to these girls. I mean, if he has really made clear in words and actions that he’s not interested in them romantically, they wouldn’t base their life decisions on the hope that they may still have a chance with him.

Peter may tell me these things because he wants me to know lots of women are willing to have him. But I’m confused at this point about whether he’s truly committed to me. Could it be he just likes “talking” to women even though it leads them on? And is this behavior healthy for a future marriage? — Second Thoughts

**DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS:** You are asking intelligent questions. Unfortunately, I can’t answer them. I can, however, offer this: When couples become serious, they stop playing games. If your fiance thinks that causing you to feel jealous or insecure at this point is constructive, he is making a mistake because it won’t stop after the wedding. Peter appears to be immature, and that’s a red flag. Premarital counseling may help to clear the air.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for 28 years. I thought we were very happy for the first 25. The change came when our children all left home. We sold our large house, which I was more than willing to do. But the house we have moved into causes me a lot of anxiety because of the traffic noise. My husband is very forceful about his “right” to choose where we live. He has insisted that the next move is also his choice and has already purchased the land. He claims he has provided for others all these years, and now it’s his turn to get what he wants.

Abby, I raised the children, I still have a job and I contribute to every aspect of home life. Although I love him with all my heart, I wonder if I’d be better off throwing in the towel. He refuses to go to counseling, but I have gone, to help with my anxiety. After three years in this new home, I don’t see any sign he will change his ways. I have tried talking to him about choosing something different together and moving, but he won’t do it. Help! — Back Up Against The Wall

**DEAR BACK:** I can’t change your husband’s attitude and, apparently, neither can you. I’m glad you have been seeing a therapist, because it’s time to schedule more appointments. Your therapist will help you to decide whether you can continue living with someone who refuses to recognize your contributions to the marriage and who has such a controlling, authoritarian attitude.

You have decisions to make that should not be taken lightly or decided while you are emotional. You deserve peace of mind and an equal voice about where you choose to live.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*



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28 Carmen Miranda’s dance

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DARUF

CATTR

RARPOL

TURAOH

THE

Saturday’s Jumbles: GABBY STOOD WETTER INFANT  
Answer: When the grizzly returned empty handed, he was the — “BEAR” OF BAD NEWS

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

So much for keeping my hair out of the wind. Thank you! No problem. It came right to me.

HER SOMBRERO BLEW OFF ONTO THE BEACH BUT WAS PICKED UP ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“... The daddy bear said, ‘Somebody’s been sitting in my porridge and I think it’s Red Riding Hood’s grandma.’ ...”

## BEETLE BAILEY

YOU ARE SO HIGHLY DECORATED, SIR!

WHAT’S THAT ONE FOR?

THE THREE-LEGGED RACE AT MY GRADE-SCHOOL FIELD DAY

## BLONDIE

I CAN’T SLEEP! TRY I CAN’T TAKE MY MIND OFF MY OFFICE WORK

VISUALIZING YOURSELF AT YOUR DESK, DEAR

AND YOU ARE ALL ALONE AT YOUR DESK AT THE VERY TOP OF A HIGH MOUNTAIN

NO GOOD... I CAN SEE THE BOSS GLARING AT ME FROM THE NEXT MOUNTAIN!

## HI & LOIS

UH-OH, I DROPPED MY RATTLE AGAIN.

WHY DO THINGS ALWAYS FALL DOWN?

SOMEONE SHOULD LOOK INTO THAT.

## BC

SHOW ME THE FUTURE OF POLITICS.

WE SHOULD PROBABLY JUST STICK WITH CLOBBERING EACH OTHER OVER THE HEAD.

## WIZARD OF ID

I SEE YOU’RE GETTING INTO STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS

## DILBERT

DOGBERT THE FUTURIST

I GET THE MOST ATTENTION WHEN I PREDICT DOOM.

BUT I HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING THE ENVELOPE TO BE SCARIER THAN THE COMPETITION.

DID YOU JUST SAY POLAR BEARS ARE ENRICHING URANIUM?

AND THEY’RE SUPER ANGRY.

## GARFIELD

ODIE LET HIS MIND WANDER...

AND IT HASN’T COME BACK YET

## FORT KNOX

WHAT’S THE POINT OF BECOMING A PIRATE?

SO YOU CAN LOOT ANYTHING YOU WANT?

AREN’T THERE CONSEQUENCES?

ARTHRTIS AND LOWER BACK PAIN.

## PICKLES

HERE ARE YOUR SLIPPERS BACK. I’M SORRY I WORE THEM BY MISTAKE.

EW! THEY’RE ALL STRETCHED OUT! AND THEY SMELL LIKE YOUR FEET!!

JUST SPRINKLE IN SOME BAKING SODA. IT WILL NEUTRALIZE THE ODOR.

THERE’S NOT ENOUGH BAKING SODA IN THE WORLD.

# Internet can be used to preach Gospel

**Q:** The internet is filled with more danger than good things. It just seems that modern technology has given a platform for everyone to talk about themselves and some say that people’s obsession with it is dangerous. Does the Bible address this? — I.S.

**A:** The internet can be used to preach God’s Gospel, and with a quick tap pornography can pop up. There seems to always be good and bad to every form of new technology. Wisdom and self-discipline is required when using the technology of the day, just as it was when television came into existence.

The Bible says, “For [people] will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,

unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:2-4).

Obsessing about “self” is destructive, and pride is a universal problem. Scripture tells us that the Lord hates six things and one of those is pride (Proverbs 6:16). This is perhaps the greatest sin because it seems to lead to all others.

The letter “i” sits in the middle of this little word with a great big ego. No

one can expect victory and inward rest until the “i” has been conquered. God commands us to “humble ourselves.” That is our job!

If we are to live above the clouds, the sin of pride will have to be confessed and forsaken. It is deadlier than the poison of a rattlesnake. It stunts, stifles, weakens, and destroys Christian victory. Pride comes from looking only at ourselves; meekness comes through looking at God. “For all that is in the world — ... the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world” (1 John 2:16).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ O A X F M M X P V X G B T M E N W O F D O F D .  
O E O F W O K U O M . I B L A X F N B T  
K U W A S O G U W B E U M I O F D N B T S U  
O F W O K U B C ? ” — H X F O W H B Z P O F

Previous Solution: “(At age six) ‘When I cry, do you want the tears to run all the way or shall I stop halfway down?’” — Margaret O’Brien

TODAY’S CLUE: N sjenba A







# Employers are on their own after court guts Biden vaccine-or-testing mandate

By **BOB FERNANDEZ**  
and **JOSEPH N. DISTEFANO**  
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

With the U.S. Supreme Court blocking the Biden administration’s vaccine mandate for private companies, employers now face a patchwork of state rules on COVID-19 workplace safety. Different, and sometimes confusing, vaccine rules now apply across the economy based on the city, sector, funding source, and corporate policy.

“There isn’t a right answer for employers at this point,” said Shannon Farmer, an attorney at Ballard Spahr in Philadelphia.

She said the U.S. Supreme Court’s action on Thursday to freeze the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s vaccine-or-test mandates, could pit a company’s human relations staffers who want to protect the health of employees against operating executives who worry how internal vaccine mandates could cause employees to quit.

John S. Ho, co-chair of OSHA-Workplace Safety Practice at Cozen O’Connor, said that companies can “essentially ignore” the Biden vaccine mandate, though the issue will be litigated in the lower federal courts. “It’s not over yet but employers don’t have to worry about it. So folks are left with different state and city rules.”

On Friday, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney’s administration set a Jan. 24 date for implementing a vaccination mandate for city workers after reaching a deal with one of the city’s unions. The city has 22,000 unionized employees and they will be required to show proof of vaccination or obtain an exemption for religious or medical reasons.

National employers including American Express, BlackRock, General Electric, Google, MGM International, Comcast’s NBC Universal, and Southwest Airlines are requiring vaccines for workers at their locations, according to a list compiled by NBC News.

At least 1.8 million Philly-area workers fall under Biden vaccination, testing mandate

CVS and McDonald’s are requiring higher-paid office and professional staff, but not hourly-paid retail workers, to get the shots.

American Airlines, one of the largest private employers in Philadelphia, said on Friday that it was subject to a totally different mandate, one for federal contractors.

“We shared last week that more than 96 percent of our team members have submitted proof of vaccination or a request for an accommodation. This is great news, and we continue to see submissions every day,” a spokesperson said in an email on Friday.

But Farmer, the Ballard Spahr attorney, said that in a separate and earlier decision the courts had stayed, or frozen, the mandates for federal contractors as it did on Thursday for the OSHA vaccine mandate.

## The Supreme Court's ruling

In its ruling, the Supreme Court said that the Biden administration and OSHA had exceeded their authority, in an attempt “to regulate public health more broadly” than Congress had authorized.

The justices, however, let stand a separate vaccine mandate covering 10 million health-care workers who treat patients in the federally funded Medicare and Medicaid programs.

The vote in the vaccine mandate case was 6 to 3, with the liberal justices in opposition. The health care case split was 5 to 4, with Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh joining the liberal justices.

The court majority explained the distinction it drew this way: COVID – 19 is not an occupational hazard as it spreads at home, in schools, at sports games, and where people get together. As such, OSHA, the federal workplace safety agency, is not authorized under federal law to protect broadly against it.

But the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

has a responsibility to protect the patients at facilities funded by federal health dollars and can enact regulations to ensure patient safety such as vaccinations for nurses and doctors against COVID-19.

“The key issue in both cases was neither whether vaccine mandates are beneficial nor whether people have a right to refuse them. Rather, the issue was whether Congress had given the agencies the power to impose the mandates,” said Michael R. Dimino, law professor at Widener University Commonwealth Law School.

Business lobbyists had complained about the cost of the measure, which would affect over 80 million workers, including 1.8 million in the Philly area, at firms employing 100 or more workers.

In applauding the decision, Leslie Sarasin, president of the Food Marketing Institute, one of 10 employer groups that sued to block the requirement, said that the food sector would find itself grappling with an even more acute worker shortage on top of the other economic distortions brought on by the health crisis.

The high court “recognized the challenges the federal rule would have imposed on food retailers and manufacturers, our employees and, ultimately, American consumers,” Sarasin said.

Suspending federal enforcement “will help ensure the food industry is able to con-

tinue meeting our customers’ needs as efficiently and effectively as possible amid the ongoing supply chain and labor disruptions,” Sarasin added in a statement.

A local labor leader disagreed. “It would have been really good if the [OSHA policy] had been put into effect, with everybody following the same standard,” said Wendell Young IV, head of UFCW Local 1776, which represents 35,000 supermarket, pharmacy, and food factory workers in Pennsylvania and a few neighboring areas.

The OSHA requirement set a national standard that took pressure off individual employers to do the right thing even when it was unpopular, he added.

Young said some big employers have been planning, in the absence of a federal rule, to step up vaccination and testing requirements, and to pay sick employees to stay home under quarantine rather than risk sickening more workers.

He cited Tyson Foods and JBS, the meatpacking giant, among the large employers who had agreed to encourage vaccination and testing, even before the Biden policy was announced last year.

Young said 90 percent of workers at the JBS plant in Souderton were vaccinated after the death of a union shop steward, Enock Benjamin, early in the pandemic – a higher level than in sur-

rounding, affluent Montgomery County.

“In the more rural areas, some employees aren’t taking it as seriously, as well as some of our members,” Young admitted. “But they are taking it seriously where they see the impact on management’s ability to run the plant” as sick workers called out. Young said management at the Cargill and Hershey plants in Hazle Township, Luzerne County, among others, are negotiating tougher anti-virus rules.

The largest U.S. employer affected by the ruling, Amazon, had no immediate comment on the decision or its impact.

Amazon, whose business has risen rapidly during the pandemic as more people had packages shipped to their homes instead of shopping in stores, employs 1.4 million worldwide, a majority of them in the U.S., including more than 6,000 in the Philadelphia area, the company said.

The company’s publicly-posted hiring guidelines state that masks and other protective gear are “available” to all employees and visitors, and people at Amazon plants in recent months have been required to wear masks. But Amazon’s posted guidelines include no guidance about vaccines, and a vaccine ID has not been required for entrance to Amazon facilities.

## PULSE

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The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit Facebook.com/UpperWabash, <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or [dnr.IN.gov](https://on.IN.gov/dnr).

## Honeywell House hosts German dinner to honor Mark Honeywell

On Friday, Jan. 21, the Honeywell House will host a German dinner to honor area benefactor Mark Honeywell’s birthday while celebrating the German heritage of the area. A German meal – to include Alsatian onion and apple soup; pork Rahmschnitzel; roasted asparagus; spätzle; and black forest cake – will be followed by music, a trivia contest, an unusual spelling contest, and a Masskrugstemmen challenge, “a traditional Bavarian contest of strength, where participants hold a full stein for as long as possible.” The evening promises to be lively, with sing-a-longs and plenty of toasting in honor of Mr. Honeywell. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be ordered by visiting [honeywellarts.org](https://honeywellarts.org).

## Hundreds to compete at Manchester in Science Olympiad

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the invitational will bring, 15 high school teams and five middle school teams totaling about 400 students to the North Manchester campus. There will be more than 30 events and competitions, with activities that include solving forensic cases, code-breaking and constructing machines such as ping-pong parachutes and musical instruments. Manchester University’s invitational is one of five invitationals in the state this year. Invitational tournaments are a stepping-stone for regional competitions, where the top teams compete for a spot in the 2022 Science Olympiad State Tournament. Science Olympiad is a national organization that has provided premier competition opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) events for more than 30 years. For more information, visit [www.soinc.org](https://www.soinc.org).

## Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23

at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesdays, Feb. 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](https://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](https://www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

## ‘Bite in the 85’ dining program launches

Visit Wabash County’s “Bite in the 85” will take place through Monday, Jan. 31. The participating restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their specials and deals to the public, including 50 East Garden Center and Café, 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eugenia’s Restaurant, Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill, Market Street Grill, Modoc’s Market, Pizza King and Twenty. The public will have the opportunity to win gift cards to the participating restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all “Bite in the 85” menus at the participating restaurants. For more information, visit [VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85](https://VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85).

## Wabash Tri-Kappa to hold annual Winter Gala

Wabash Tri-Kappa’s annual Winter Gala fundraiser is set to be held Saturday, Feb. 5 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The evening will consist of dinner, catered by Heather Chenault, “a fun, fabulous and very entertaining” dessert auction by Chad Metzger, from Metzger Auction Services and dancing to tunes spun by “Smitty.” A cash bar is also available throughout the evening. The cost for tickets is \$35 a person, and are available from any Tri Kappa member or at Wabash City Hall through Friday, Jan. 28. All profit will go toward scholarships for students from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools and to local charities. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

## Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the

once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Feb. 1, March 1, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](https://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

## Salamonie ‘Tweens Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Feb. 2, March 2 and April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](https://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

## Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manchester University offers art pieces by North Manchester resident Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigi-Flections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings.

## WHS graduates encouraged to apply for the Lucille Camp scholarship

Wabash High School (WHS) has announced that they are preparing to award scholarship funds that have been endowed by the Lucille Camp Scholarship Foundation. To be eligible to receive funds from the Lucille Camp Scholarship Trust, applicants must be either a 2022 graduate of WHS or a student who graduated from WHS within the last three years, in either 2019, 2020 or 2021. Students must have not previously received grants from the trust for more than three academic years. Eligible students may not be related by blood or marriage, within a third degree of consanguinity, to an officer, director, employee or agent of the trustee, which is GBC Bank, who is actively involved in the administration of the trust

or the management of its assets. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at WHS or on the Wabash City Schools (WCS) website at <https://www.apaches.k12.in.us/> under High School-Scholarships. Completed applications are due to the WHS Guidance Office by Friday, March 4. For more information, call 260-563-4131.

## Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Trailblazers is March 13, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces

on May 15, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

## DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more

information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](https://www.divorcecare.org).

## Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

*Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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CAUSE NO. 85C01-2201-MF-000009  
CROSSROADS BANK, Plaintiff  
vs.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LINNIE B. WILLIAMSON, Defendant  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
TO: Unknown Heirs of Linnie B. Williamson  
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/s/ Lori J. Draper  
CLERK, WABASH CIRCUIT COURT  
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**0900**

STATE OF INDIANA  
WABASH COUNTY ) SS:  
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NO. 85C01-2201-ES-000004  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:  
PAUL R. LAMBERT  
KENNETH R. LAMBERT,  
Personal Representative,  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
In the Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana.  
Notice is hereby given that Kenneth R. Lambert was, on the 6th day of January , 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of Paul R. Lambert, deceased, who died on the 15th day of February, 2015.  
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## Honeywell Board of Directors announces Marsh as director of golf

He officially began his duties on Jan. 1

### STAFF REPORT

The Honeywell Golf Course Board of Directors has announced Jeffrey D. Marsh has accepted the position of director of golf, according to general manager Mel Thomas.

Marsh officially began his duties on Jan. 1.

Thomas said Marsh is a Class “A” PGA member with 25-plus years of experience in all facets of the golf business.

“This previous experience includes exemplary customer service; promotion of the game of golf; day-to-day golf shop operations; scheduling, management and training of

staff; instructional lessons, with over 1,300 lessons over the last three years; junior clinics; junior golf programs; PGA Junior League in 2019 and 2021 in which Marsh captained the All-Star team both years; coordination and scheduling of weekly men’s and ladies leagues; development and implementation of two NCAA Division I golf programs from the ground

up; merchandising; club and ball fitting; and the coordination and promotion of Demo Days.

Thomas said Marsh is also an “accomplished golfer” as he has participated and placed in numerous Indiana and national PGA tournaments and championships. Marsh was the winner of the 2013 Indiana PGA Professional Championship,

the 2013 Indiana Four Ball Championship, the 2002 Indiana Pro/Assistant Championship and a six-time winner of the TaylorMade World Father & Son Championship. Marsh also qualified and participated in the 2017 USGA Senior Open Championship.

“We are excited to have Jeff on our team as we strive to make Honeywell Golf

Course better than ever,” said Thomas. “Stop out and welcome Jeff, introduce yourself and stock up on your golf necessities for the 2022 season.”

The Honeywell Golf Course Board of Directors includes David George, Chris Reynolds, Rob Pearson, Aaron McCoart, Tyler Olson, Wayne Denger and Patrick Sullivan.



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Junior Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, set a new Manchester University record in the 3000m. He earned a runner-up placement in the event with a final time of 8:30.46. Salazar’s time shattered his previous career-best in the event by 25 seconds.

## Spartans get new school record in indoor track and field opener

Manchester is scheduled to return to action on Friday at Ohio Northern

### By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University indoor track and field teams kicked off their seasons on Friday evening. The Spartans competed in the three-team Friday Night Spikes Meet #1 hosted by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Perennial track and field power Washington University in St. Louis was the third team competing in Friday’s meet.

One new school record and three event wins highlighted

the Black and Gold’s efforts in the season opener. Additionally, seven new Manchester all-time top 10 marks were set.

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Senior Joe Garling, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, took home top honors in the men’s weight throw. Garling’s top throw of 15.54m (51’ 0”) led the field by more than .60 meters. His distance also catapulted him to second all-time on the Manchester Top

10 listings.

Junior Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, took home the top spot in the men’s shot put, leading the field with a top mark of 14.27m (46’ 10”).

Senior Erica Mohr, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, won the women’s weight throw on Friday night with a top hurl of 15.16m (49’ 9”). Her distance improved upon a previous career-best and moved her up to 3rd all-time on the Manchester Top 10 listings.

Other podium (top three) included:

### Men

■ Timothy Macomber, from Angola, third-place finish in the weight throw

(14.47m – 47’ 5 ¾”). Also added a third-place finish in the shot put (13.17m – 43’ 2 ½”).

■ Joseph Powell, from Beach Park, Illinois, and Zion Benton High School, third-place in the high jump (1.80m – 5’ 10 ¾”).

■ Duriel Moss Jr., from Homestead, Florida, and Christopher Columbus High School, third-place in the 60m dabs (7.13 – 3rd all-time on the Manchester Top 10 listings).

The Manchester indoor track and field teams are scheduled to return to action on Friday, Jan. 21 at Ohio Northern. Meet time is scheduled for 5 p.m.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

## Early barrage by Hanover Panthers subdues Spartans men’s basketball on the road, 76-58

Manchester had its four-game win streak snapped on Saturday afternoon

### By DILLON BENDER

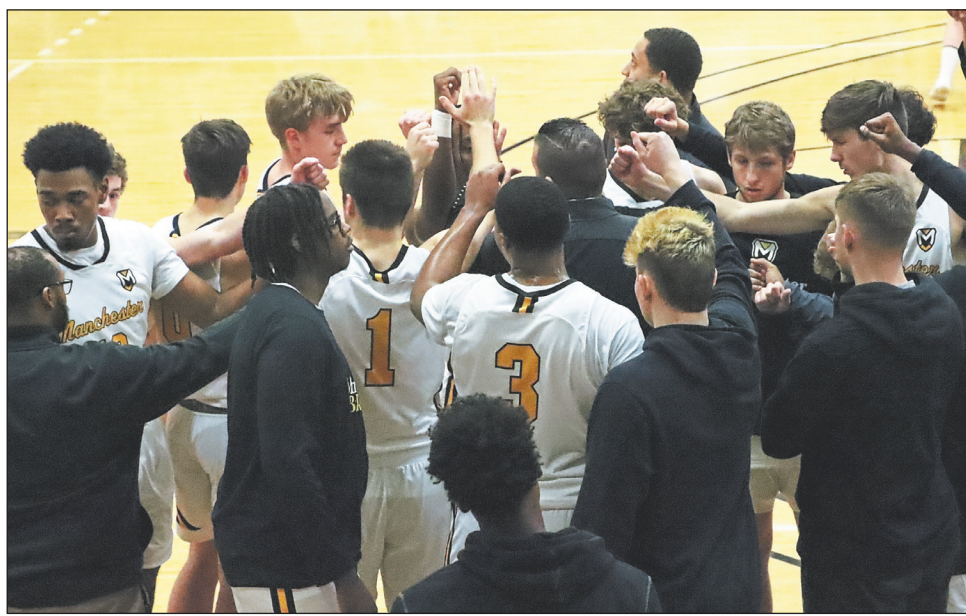
The league-leading Hanover College Panthers used an early offensive barrage en route to a 76-58 victory over the Manchester University Spartans in men’s basketball action on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The Panthers connected on their first 10 field-goal attempts of the game. A 12-0 Hanover run over the game’s initial two and a half minutes was broken up by a trio of free throws by senior CJ Hampton, from Hammond and Griffith High School. After Hampton’s makes at the charity stripe, Hanover used another 12-0 blitz that saw the Panthers remain unblemished from the field, going 5-5 over the game’s next three minutes.

Hanover led 47-28 at the half.

While Hanover cooled off some in the 2nd half, the Panthers still finished Saturday’s game shooting 47.6 percent (30-63) from the field. HC also shot 44 percent (11-25) from the perimeter in Saturday’s win.

Manchester was unable to



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The Spartans are scheduled to return to Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 19. The Black and Gold are slated to host the Bluffton University Beavers at 7:30 p.m.

find any traction in Saturday’s contest as the Spartans were limited to 31.8 percent (21-66) shooting from the field. The Black and Gold also had an off-day from distance, going just 5-of-22 from three-point territory.

CJ Hampton led Manchester with 19 points, nine rebounds, and five steals. Hampton now sits just one point shy of reaching the 1,000 point threshold in his career. Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, added

13 points and a career-high nine rebounds in the effort.

Max Greenamoyer led Hanover with 21 points – 18 of which he scored in the opening half. Ty Houston added 16 points while Isaac Hibbard added 13 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists for Hanover.

Manchester (6-9, 5-3 HCAC) had its four-game win streak snapped on Saturday afternoon. The Spartans are scheduled to return to Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 19. The

Black and Gold are slated to host the Bluffton University Beavers at 7:30 p.m.

Hanover College (11-2, 7-1 HCAC) remained alone atop the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) standings after winning for the fourth straight outing. The Panthers are slated to travel to Transylvania University for a 7:30 pm matchup with the Pioneers on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

## Panthers knock off Spartans in women’s basketball action

Manchester will travel to Bluffton University today

### By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women’s basketball team returned to action for the first time in 10 days on Saturday afternoon at Hanover College. The host Panthers defended their home court in a 72-47 victory over the Black and Gold.

Hanover dominated the glass, holding a 50-31 rebounding advantage in Saturday’s contest. The Panthers used the rebounding differential to their advantage as they were able to come away with 19 offensive rebounds and 23 second chance points in the contest. Hanover scored 44 points in the paint and converted 24 Spartan turnovers into 27 points.

Manchester was limited to 29.6 percent (16-54) shoot-

ing in the game. Hanover finished shooting 40.9 percent (27-66) on Saturday afternoon.

Hannah Lindsey, from Speedway, led Manchester with 12 points, five rebounds and three steals. Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds. Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, chipped in seven points and a career-high six steals.

Grace Bezold and Callie Wilder led Hanover with 14 points each.

The Spartans (6-6, 3-2 HCAC) are scheduled to travel to Bluffton University for a 7:30 p.m. matchup with the Beavers on Wednesday.

Hanover College (7-5, 4-3 HCAC) is scheduled to host Transylvania University on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

## Jackson-Davis leads Indiana men to 78-71 triumph at Nebraska

Hoosiers to face Purdue on Thursday

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Trayce Jackson-Davis had 23 points and 12 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double and Indiana defeated Nebraska 78-71 on Monday night, a rare road win for the Hoosiers.

The win was the first on the road for the Hoosiers, who had lost their first four road games this season and eight in a row dating to last season.

Indiana never trailed but the Hoosiers’ lead was just 59-55 with 10:31 to go. Jackson-Davis scored the next six points and the Hoosiers matched their largest lead of the game at 65-55.

Nebraska was never down by more than 10

points but in the final 10 minutes the Cornhuskers did not get closer than six until Alonzo Verge Jr. made a layup with five seconds left to make it 76-71. Indiana’s Xavier Johnson added two free throws for the final margin.

Jackson-Davis, who averages 19.3 ppg and 8.9 rpg, made 10 of 16 shots to help secure his 30th career double-double. Race Thompson scored 12 points and Jordan Geronimo 10 for Indiana (13-4, 4-3 Big Ten).

Bryce McGowens led Nebraska (6-13, 0-8) with 20 points and Verge added 19.

Indiana, which had struggled with ball control recently and had 23 turnovers in last week’s loss to Iowa, had only seven turnovers with about 10 minutes to go but finished with 14 giveaways to Nebraska’s 13.

## No. 4 Purdue defeats No. 17 Illinois in 2 OT

### By GAVIN GOOD

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Sasha Stefanovic scored 22 points, including a go-ahead 3 at the start of double overtime that sent No. 4 Purdue over No. 17 Illinois 96-88 on Monday.

Illinois guards Andre Curbelo and Alfonso Plummer made baskets in the final seconds of regulation and the first overtime before the Boilermakers (15-2, 4-2 Big Ten) broke away.

Purdue hit four straight shots to take an 89-83 lead with 1:03 left in double overtime. Eric Hunter Jr. had two of those baskets.

Stefanovic went 5 of 8 on 3-point tries and also had eight rebounds. His

last-second shot from long range fell short as the regulation buzzer sounded.

“They’re the best basketball team we’ve played,” Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. “And then I thought Sasha was elite today. We’ve done a pretty good job on him for the most part the last few years, and today he was the difference.”

Plummer led the Illini (13-4, 6-1) with 24 points, shooting 6 of 12 on 3s. His layup with 9 seconds left in the first overtime made it 78-all.

Curbelo, who had missed 11 games after being injured, had 20 points, six rebounds and three assists. His basket with 14 seconds in regulation tied it at 69.



# Preparing for post-Roe America

This year may be the last January March for Life. I've attended many of the annual pro-life gatherings in our nation's capital, and it's a sight to behold. There's always a big showing from North Dakota, thanks to the University of Mary in Bismarck. The day before the march,

I almost always encounter students from Louisiana at Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Many students spend the night in the basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, some in vigil, others catching some sleep in the side chapels and everywhere else there is space.

The March for Life is on one level a protest of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion in all three trimesters of pregnancy. But, more importantly, it's a celebration of life. Roe was decided on January 22, 1973. If it's overturned by the Supreme Court in June, I'm hoping the march will move to that summer month and transition to a gathering of thanksgiving. And there will still be many reasons to take a stand against abortion, as the procedure will likely remain legal in many states.

There are all kinds of caricatures and miscon-

ceptions about the pro-life movement. We don't want to put women in jail. We don't want them to suffer or be alone. All too often, the pressures are too great for a woman to consider anything but abortion. But women are capable of amazing things when they find people who want to support them and help them make the right choice both for themselves and their child. We march for life not only to oppose abortion, but to celebrate the women who have made courageous choices to give life – to mother in challenging circumstances or choose adoption.

But such women and their choices are not supported by our culture – they have to fight every step of the way in our disposable, life-denying culture.

I recently encountered a woman protesting a pro-life prayer vigil outside a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in New York. Addressed by name, I said good morning to her. She replied: "It is a good morning, because no one is forcing me to give birth." She held a sign in my face about opposing forced birth. But the pro-life people gathered there that morning wanted women not to be pressured in every way to end the lives of their unborn children. We're not about force, but actual freedom.

Abortion is not health care. It's the most intimate violence on a woman and her developing child, who

winds up dead in the process. Bills that outlaw abortion if a fetal heartbeat can be detected are instructive because they acknowledge that it is fairly early on in a pregnancy when human life as we think of it develops. As we potentially move toward a post-Roe America, we need to be honest about what we are talking about.

It would seem an impossible plea in these divided times, but could people of good will band together to make sure women know that they have options that are not abortion? It was not all that long ago when a Democratic presidential candidate framed abortion essentially as a necessary evil – there is room for both sides to come together on some points of this issue.

Now is the time to band together to make abortion implausible. The young people holding "We Are the Post-Roe Generation" signs are confident. And the March for Life veterans with the "We Will Help You" signs will show you the pro-life movement in all its compassion for women who deserve better than abortion.

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For more information, visit [msdwc.org](http://msdwc.org).

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Children who will be either ages 3 or 4 by Aug. 1 are eligible to enroll.

# Circus hall of fame museum needs repairs

PERU (AP) — A historic barn that once housed elephants and tigers from well-known circuses and now is home to the International Circus Hall of Fame museum is in need of emergency repairs.

Bob Cline, treasurer of the nonprofit hall of fame, said volunteers discovered in December that a main beam supporting an upper wall of

the structure had rotted out and given way, the Kokomo Tribune reported.

The barn was built in 1922 by the American Circus Corporation. It is among several structures east of Peru, in northern Indiana, that once served as the winter quarters for the world's largest circuses, including Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey.

The hall of fame has been

working for years to preserve the structures.

Cline said the \$4,200 to repair the barn's beam is just the "tip of the iceberg" of what needs to be done. The group is seeking donations to cover costs for the project.

"We know what all needs to be done," Cline said in an email. "It's going to be costly and time consuming. This is far more than a paint job."



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